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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: ASYLUM REQUEST

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1. WE DISCUSSED SHIM CASE WITH QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR CENTRAL AND EAST AFRICA, CABANA, AFTERNOON MAY 8. SHE WAS NOT WELL-INFORMED, HAVING JUST RECEIVED THE ONLY TELEGRAM ON THE SUBJECT, A LACONIC MESSAGE INFORMING THE QUAI THAT A CHINESE HAD TAKEN REFUGE IN THE SOUTH KOREAN EMBASSY AND THAT THERE WAS SOME QUESTION OF HIS BEING TURNED BACK TO THE CHINESE. NO ACTION BY THE GOF WAS PROPOSED OR EVEN SUGGESTED.

2. AS MATTERS NOW STAND, THE GOF IS NOT CONSIDERING ANY ACTION AT ANY LEVEL. IN THE EVENT AN APPEAL OF SOME SORT IS RECEIVED FROM THE ROKG, A FACTOR WHICH THE GOF WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IS THE PRESENCE IN FRANCE OF CHINESE VICE PRIME MINISTER KU MU ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT.
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CIAL VISIT WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL THE END OF THIS WEEK. WE DOUBT THE FRENCH WOULD TAKE ANY ACTION WHICH RISKED OFFENDING THE CHINESE WHILE KU MU IS HERE. IN VIEW OF THEIR BROAD EFFORTS TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH CHINA, AND THE PROSPECT OF A VISIT BY HUA KUO-FENG BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR, THEY PROBABLY WOULD AVOID ANY SUCH ACTIONS EVEN AFTER KU MU'S DEPARTURE.

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